

went also, and the fleet was to touch at the West Indies to get cattle and fruit-trees.

I may mention here, that though the city just named never was founded, according to the hopes of Sir Walter, yet the legislature of North Carolina, two hundred years afterwards, called their seat of government by his name. Raleigh is still the capital of that state; and the honor seems to be no more than justice to the memory of the gallant adventurer.

Sir Walter gave particular instructions to the new colonists not to settle at Roanoke island, but to proceed to the waters of the Chesapeake, recently discovered by Governor Lane. There, at the mouth of some river, they might build them a city, and retain one or two of the vessels, to be employed in collecting provisions and keeping the Indians in check. The commander of the largest ship, Simon Fernando, was to touch at Roanoke only for the purpose of taking off the fifty men left there by Sir Richard Granville.

It is not known that this Fernando was either an open or a secret enemy to Sir Walter; but he certainly did a great deal to thwart the designs of the colony. In the first place, he put into a bay on the coast of Portugal, and left one of the three vessels there in distress. After this, though he passed by in sight of the West Indian island Hispaniola, he refused to stop for live stock, and other things, as directed.